

## TALES OF THE TELEGRAPH

The New York World Almanac for 1915 has been received. A newspaper can answer nine-tenths of the questions asked it by reference to the Almanac, which contains a thousand pages and really outruns almanac publications years ago. The new issue contains a review of the European war, notes of the war of the world, lists political platforms, etc.

Mart Miller ought to be interested in this story from The Saturday Evening Post: Two Englishmen, fresh from the city, went fishing. They fished lines from a miller who had a dam pond and began to wait for a bite. "What do you call that thing on the line?" asked one of the Englishmen of the other. "Why that's a boat," was the reply. "Well I guess I'll have to pay the miller for mine," said the first Englishman, "as the bloomish thing has sunk."

Constant reading of the Bible caused Mrs. Johnson, of Rome, Ga., to lose her mind. She had hallucinations that she was one of King Solomon's wives, Abraham's Sarah, also Abraham's afflity, Hagar. Mrs. Johnson imagined she was Salome tempting John the Baptist, and many other Biblical characters, but her family bore with her until she began taking off her clothes, declaring she was Eve, and intended to go the rest of her life without clothes. That was going too far, and Mrs. Johnson is in the insane asylum.

Earl Barrett sends this in: "The allies left is trying to move around the German right, but the German right is also moving around the allies left. Now, if the left of the German right moves around the right of the allies left, then what is left of the German right must be right where the allies left. But if the German right left is left right where the allies left right was right before the allies left, then the left is left where the right was right before the left right left the right left. Just that right. Or is it?"

Mrs. Anna Dugan, a widow of 18 years old, keeps a boarding house in Kansas City. She works hard from morning until night, and had \$150 in the bank. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown boarded with Mrs. Dugan. Frank Brown is a thugger. His wife, twenty years old, loves pretty things. She heard about Mrs. Dugan's bank account, and the thought of that little money with the world full of pretty things to buy was too great a temptation for Mrs. Brown to resist. She began drawing out the money, forging Mrs. Dugan's name. She was generous to Mrs. Dugan with the money, and spent some of it for flowers and candy for the widow. One day she brought a lot of posited plants and gave them to Mr. Dugan, saying she wanted to make the house cheerful and pretty. Mrs. Dugan thought Mrs. Brown was real sweet, until yesterday, when she went to the bank to get some money, and found she was \$10 overdrawn. Then it dawned upon her that the wife of a thugger had been spending more money than he could possibly earn. The gaudy Mrs. Brown is under arrest.

H. L. Miller and his wife of Topeka have been separated since June 11, 1913. When the joyous Christmas season arrived Miller sent his wife a Christmas present. Instead of thanking him for it, Mrs. Miller said she was fit to divorce. She was so prodded for doing so, being told that was the way to treat a husband who had given her a Christmas present. But Mrs. Miller declares it is exactly the way to treat a man who gave a dinky little present, such as the one her husband gave her. Tut, tut, Mrs. Miller!

Thirty years ago John Henry East lesson, of Springfield, Mass., married Lotta Darling, a famous actress. Her name was so lovely that the groom took it for his own, and John Henry Eastland and his wife have been known all those years as Mr. and Mrs. Lotta Darling. Mr. Lotta Darling is now 78 years of age, and is petitioning a court to give him back his own name, John Henry Eastlesson.—*Athlone Globe*.

## TARKIO FIRM DOES MILLION DOLLAR BUSINESS

One of Tarkio's enterprises that is attracting wide attention is the Champion Feed company. They sell thousands of carloads of their product each year and at present time they have orders for 1,500 car loads and more are coming in every day. The mills at Tarkio and at Kansas City are running at their full capacity and Mr. Christensen says that they will probably have to put in other mills throughout the middle west with the next year in order to meet their large and rapidly increasing business.—*Tarkio Avalanche*.

## REPOPULATING EUROPE AFTER THE WAR.

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## WESTON, MO., HAS INTERESTING HISTORY

About Weston, Mo., by the Kansas City Times

The history of the flourishing little town of Weston in Platte county, a few miles up the river from Kansas City, is associated with the greatest men and the greatest events of the west. It may not be generally known that Abraham Lincoln visited Weston on his trip to Kansas in 1859 and that his old sweetheart, Mary Todd, was living there at the time, the wife of James Harlan, who moved out here from Kentucky. It is not recorded that the two met on this occasion, probably they did not. In anti-slavery days Weston shipped more hemp and tobacco than any other port on the Missouri river and at one time had a population of more than 3,000 and was the center of trade to Utah and Colorado, and with the Indians located in the Territory of Kansas, and sent supplies to Lawrence which other military posts in the west. Weston was the first of independence as the outfitting place for the trade to the west. It was the first city in the west to adopt a six gun and militia. Weston's Bound to be Town! Westonians now boast that the prophecy has been fulfilled. W. M. Paxton, the master of Platte county, visited Weston in 1838, soon after the place was founded. He said, "I found a busy, bustling town of 300 people." A man named Joseph Moore was the first to mark the place as a favorable site for a town, and soon after Gen. Peter M. Hughes came and laid off town lots. This was a year before the incorporation of the Platte Purchase, a transaction regarded by the people of the west as secondary in importance only to the Louisiana Purchase itself. The first store was built of logs and was owned by a man named Ferguson. One of the first clerks in the store was the youthful W. F. Cody, the world renowned "Buffalo Bill," whose widow mother lived in the new town in 1839. Col. Benjamin Holliday, organizer of the "Pony Express" to California, came to Weston and began his career by keeping a tavern built of logs. In the same year, Gen. John Bidwell, candidate for the presidency on the Prohibition ticket in 1852, located on a claim north of town, but a rustian jumped his claim. Gen. Bidwell let the fellow have it and joined Holliday and Father De Smet on a trip to the west. General Bidwell went on thru to California and arrived half famished at Butter Fort, in charge of the first emigrant train to cross the continent to California. He carried the news to San Francisco of

the discovery of gold by Marshall near Butter Fort. Peter H. Burnett, another California hero, took his seat from Weston. He was the first prosecuting attorney of Platte county, the first governor of California, then senior Senator wrote a book, "A Lawyer's History for Judging the Catholic Church." Burnett was living at La Crosse when news came that Platte county had been opened to settle and he moved his home and started for Weston spreading the excitement on the way. Frank P. Blair was a resident of Weston for a time. He came to St. Louis to practice law in 1848, but he was not at that time in robust health. He came on west and lived at Weston until he decided to go to the mountains, from whence he joined Doniphon's expedition to Mexico. In 1849 Colonel Holliday invented the plan of taking a train of mackinaw to Salt Lake City. There had been no communication with the Mormons since their separation from Missouri, and no one could guess what might be the fate of any Mormon who might venture to go there. Colonel F. Warren, commander of Fort Dodge, a wealthy home man of Weston, furnished the money to outfit Holliday's project. Col. Holliday proceeded to Salt Lake City and was warmly received by Brigham Young. Holliday was a born courier and diplomat. The trade he established with the Mormons made his fortune. For many years Weston was the metropolis of western Missouri. The outfitting of Doniphon's army at Fort Leavenworth for the Mexican war gave Weston a boom which was continued by the gold excitement of 1849 and by the outfitting of emigrant trains starting for Oregon. Weston was exceedingly anxious to become a great city. Weston was the most enterprising city in the west in road building projects. In the early 40's no less than 15 roads radiated from Platte county and Weston was the leader in these road improvements between Weston and Platte City, a turnpike was built with toll gates. Another turnpike was built from Weston to Platteburg. Toll gates were established on this also. Fine dirt roads were made from Weston to St. Joseph, to Kansas City, to Parkville, to Harrisonville in Cass county and to many other points. John Doniphon, brother of Colonel Doniphon, was one of the early railroad promoters of Weston. The Weston & Atchison railroad was completed prior to the Civil War and cars were running regularly into Weston. As early as 1851 there were chartered the Weston & Platte City company, the Weston & Clinton railroad, the Weston & Clinton Com-

## AND THE CURE WAS WORSE THAN DISEASE

Whether it is better to suffer with the malady in the jar or blisters the feet in a bucket of scalding water? The question arises like this. A few days ago this young man contracted a severe pain in his leg, expressed himself in the bath and went home. The pain increased and members of the family called in a physician. The M. D. looked over the patient, pronounced it a case of morphine, gave him a morphine tablet to make him sleep, told the women members of the household to pad something hot to his feet and then took his departure. The number of the patient, thinking to carry out the doctor's orders, got a brick heated. It boiled in the oven, wrapped it in a piece of cloth and put it to the sole of his painful extremities. But the brick was warmer than the mother thought, considerably so in fact. This young man, under the influence of the drug, however, slept on. Finally he awoke. For a minute or two he thought his nightmare had switched from his jaw to his feet. Investigation proved, however, that the nightmare was entirely gone but the feet were nicely blistered from the effects of the hot brick. The physician was recalled to dress the ruined members and the man is able to be at work again.

## LAW PROTECTS FOXES

IN CLOSED SEASONS

Missourians' say foxes are mating now and that they afford poor sport in a chase. Old dogs will not chase a female fox in the mating season. C. N. Storner, of Bismarck, says the day will come when foxes and all fur-bearing animals will be protected in season as is now the case in Missouri. Foxes and skunks, he says, are great friends to farmers. Skunks feed almost entirely on rabbits, groundhogs and grizzlies, and rabbits are the chief food of foxes, especially in the winter. Several years ago rabbits killed several acres of young fruit trees on the Storner farm, but since foxes have made a path thru the orchard not a tree has been molested.

A Vizet, Tex., family weighs 2,000 lbs. The family consists of 12 children with an average weight of 12 lbs. each.

## KANSAS JOTTINGS

A "winkless shank and a quickless kick" were varieties at a Chicago poultry show. That's nothing. We have had the winkle hen right here in Nemaha county for the last 4 weeks.—*Benson Tribune*.

A woman who sacrifices her own health for a daughter uses extreme to do her daughter more vital harm than she is doing to herself. A heart and mind dwarfed by selfishness are worse than a body broken by sacrifice.—Mrs. Homer Hoch.

Refrain tell a blow on the head or a sudden shock sometimes transforms a man of glee or a stupid cast of mind into an active and alert citizen. We know several around here who might be greatly benefited by applying this remedy with a sledge hammer blow.—*Bonneville Advertiser*.

A man's idea of comfort is to put his feet on the table, smoke a pipe and scatter newspapers all around him. A woman's idea of comfort is to remove her tight fitting clothing, don a kimono and put her hair up in easy puffs. It is our idea that if the woman objects to the pipe and the newspapers, the man has a right to object to the kimono and easy puffs.—Alice Carlson.

A bill has been introduced in the Kansas legislature to prohibit newspaper from printing court records. In this week's editorials it was made that printing of court records in a newspaper in good faith was permissible and was not libelous. It will soon be that about the most sense that ever a paper may publish will be the old time point—"Jim Jones has gone to work and bought a new typewriter, how nice girls."—Concordia Kansas.

One of the "new things" presented to the legislature this winter was a petition signed by several hundred persons in Leavenworth, Wabaunsee and Neosho counties asking that the lawmakers of the 1915 session be lenient with the railroads. The legislature will work no harder to the general welfare of public welfare than the railroads.—*Leavenworth Journal*.

For cultivating a local field the retailer will find the newspaper his best servant. Mr. Fox said, "Much of the success of newspaper advertising can be traced directly to the principle of bringing the public thru a long series of daily visits to look for certain things at certain times at certain prices." A review of the careers of successful retailers establishes the fact that their success has been in proportion to the extent that they have taken advantage of this.

There is only one kind of advertising worth while that is good advertising. This is true whether it happens to be with the form of a newspaper or a window display, a counter display, or the attitude of a sales man making a sale. Good printing is an important item, and should be given proper attention. Good advertising is nothing more than eliciting the prospects mind with good impressions of goods. The kind of goods may vary but the new is always the same.

Mr. Fox cites the increased sale of automobile tires as a result of advertising campaigns. In 1910 there were 12,000 automobiles in the country. On January 1, 1915, there was an automobile for every 15 of the entire population. Larger credit must be given for the development of this industry to the educational value of advertising.—*Mr. Fox*.

The effect upon industry and indirectly upon business, if for a year all advertising were suddenly to disappear, is incalculable. No substitute could be found or agent produced to do its work.

## BILLY SUNDAY INVITED TO COME TO ST. JOSEPH

TOURNING TO WHEAT

Evangelist Billy Sunday is to be invited to conduct a service in St. Joseph. He has engagements for a year ahead, but as he is needed here it is hoped he will cancel some of his dates so as to give St. Joseph a great revival. The Baptist men's leagues are behind the movement to bring the evangelist here, but the indication must include all churches to get any attention from Billy Sunday.

## ARKANSAS FARMERS

TURNING TO WHEAT

A farmer near Batesville, Ark., last year sowed 100 acres of wheat on land that had grown cotton more than 40 years. Other farmers of that country have as high as 100 acres of wheat and winter rye crop. It is the first time this land has been sown to wheat to me recollection," said G. E. Wells, agent of the farmers' cooperative demonstration work in the country.

## INVENTOR OF BARBED WIRE

DIES IN SAN DIEGO

Henry W. Putman, 80 years old, philanthropist and inventor of barbed wire and horsehair nail, died last week at his home in San Diego, Cal. He was one of the wealthiest men in Southern California. He was one of the chief builders of the Brooklyn, N. Y., elevated system. A son, Henry W. Putman, resides in New York.

## MERCER TO SUCCEED RIDDLE IN KANSAS

J. H. Mercer, of Cottonwood Falls, Kan., has been appointed Kansas live stock sanitary commissioner to succeed Taylor Riddle at the expiration of Mr. Riddle's term, on April 1. Mr. Mercer has been connected with live stock interests in Kansas for a number of years.

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